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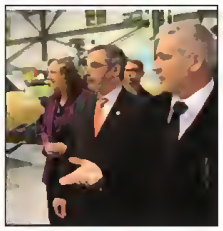

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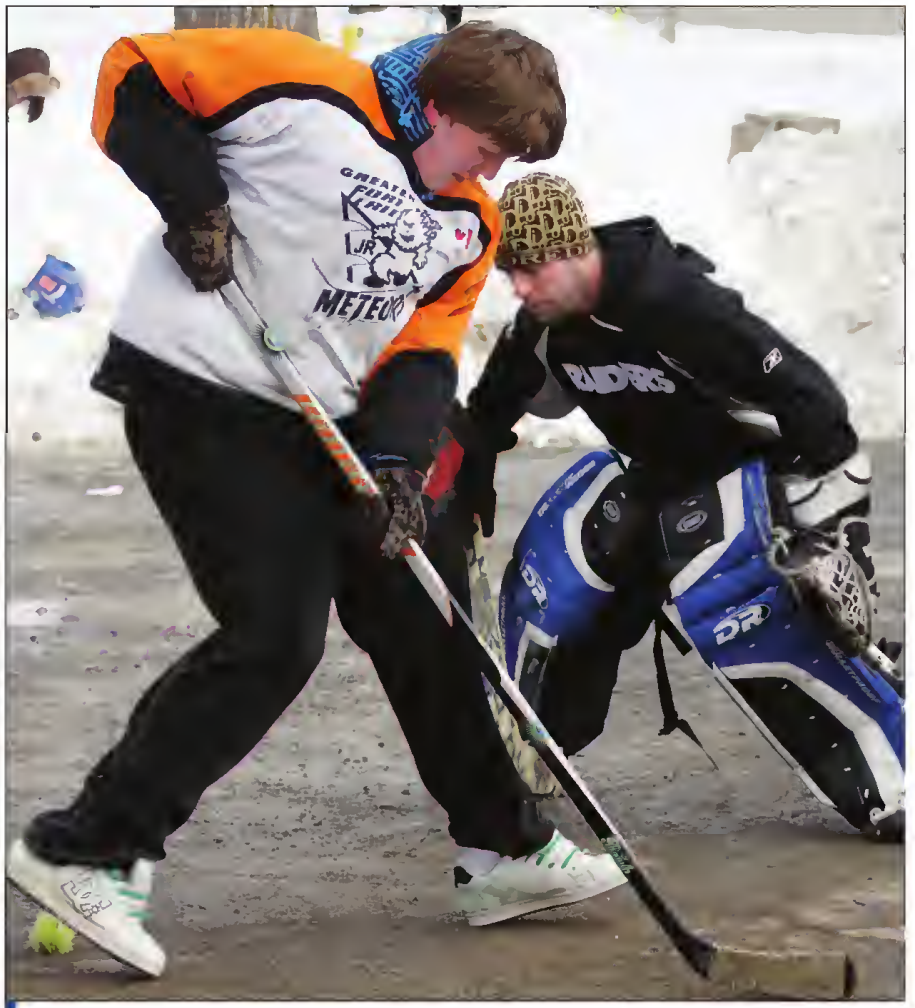

Bill Troupe IV tries to deke goalie Spencer Troupe at the Fire Station No. 1 annual ball hockey tournament held outside in the parking lot. Thanks to a quick plow from a local landscaping company, snow piles made up the boards while family and friends associated with the station took part in the friendly pick-up game.

Martin wants meeting with minister of health

Still no response from letter sent in late January

Kris Dubé
The Times

Mayor Doug Martin is hoping someone will listen this time.

At Monday's council meeting, he explained that he and other mayors from across Niagara are hoping to join regional chair Peter Partington in a meeting with minister of health and long-term care Deb Matthews.

Matthews was appointed to the provincial government's top position for health care regulation in October 2009, after the resignation of former minister of health David Caplan, whom Martin and other local officials met with in the past, explaining concerns about the Niagara Health System (NHS)'s Hospital Improvement Plan (HIP), approved by the Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant Local Health Integration, an agency working under the ministry of health and long-term care.

"Basically, the ministry has accepted a plan we feel is flawed," Martin said when asked what he plans on saying to Matthews if the meeting is scheduled.

Last year, the NHS posted an $18 million deficit, the largest within all of Ontario's 159 public hospitals. Martin said it needs to be made clear that this shortfall is resulting in the loss of essential services, needed in small communities.

"By losing money, they're cutting services and by cutting services we are all affected."

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Hitting the stage with GLT

The cast and crew of Garrison Little Theatre's upcoming production Animal Magnetism, which starts this Friday at the Italo-Canadian Club on DiPietro Street. To read the whole story, visit page 13 of this week's Times.

Lack of response doesn't surprise mayor

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Martin said it isn't just this meeting that will illustrate the need for the HIP to be reversed, as he noted the Ontario ombudsman will be coming forward with a report very soon on the amount of public input used by the LHIN in its decision making process when approving the NHS's hospital plan.

"A re-assessment of the entire health care operation in the province is necessary," he said.

In late January, Martin wrote a letter to Matthews in response to comments she made in a national newspaper about the closures of emergency rooms in Fort Erie and Port Colborne and how she feels these changes will provide residents with a better quality of care. On Wednesday, he said a response has still not been given, but he isn't surprised.

"It's consistent with what's happened in the past, we send off a letter and several months later we get a response from a staffer saying thanks for the letter and that the minister is very busy," said Martin.

If Matthews doesn't accept the meeting, he would even welcome the idea of inviting her to Fort Erie to answer questions in a public forum.

"I don't expect that either."

Last year, Martin also attended a meeting with the minister David Caplan before his resignation, hoping to get across the same points he plans to bring forward at the next potential meeting. But before he was even given the floor, Caplan came right out and said he supports the decision made by the LHIN to approve the NHS's hospital plan.

"It was a waste of a meeting because he had already made up his mind," said Martin.

He said his own concerns, along with residents of affected communities like Fort Erie and Port Colborne need to be heard and hopes a meeting with Matthews will allow for that to happen.

"We're going to be getting a lesser quality of health care in the region and we want that corrected."

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Seniors being targeted by Niagara scam artist

Penny Coles
QMI Agency

The number of times a scam against seniors has been successful in recent months has fraud squad police concerned.

This past weekend, two seniors lost significant amounts of money by falling prey to the scam—one in Fort Erie and one in St. Catharines—but there are complaints of phone calls in every municipality across the region.

At least six seniors have handed over an average of $4,000 to $5,000 each to a scam artist who pretends he is working for a local bank or credit union, says Det. Sgt. Paul Spiridi of the Niagara Regional Police fraud unit.

He has also received a number of complaints from seniors who have been contacted but haven't fallen prey to the scam, he says.

And those are just the ones he knows about. A scam artist could make 200 calls a day, and if he finds one senior who falls for his story, it's worth his while.

The suspect will tell the senior that he could help his bank identify a dishonest employee by withdrawing a sum of money—usually several thousand dollars—and delivering it to the suspect at a location away from the financial institution, promising to have the money returned to the senior's account.

There are also likely seniors who have lost money, and either don't realize it—it could take a while before they see that the money has never been returned to their account—or they are just too embarrassed to admit they have been taken, he says.

Those who are most likely to be sympathetic to the fraud artist are seniors who have been banking at the financial institution for most of their lives, and rather than using debit cards go into their bank or credit union so they can chat with the employees they have come to know well.

"These guys know all the right buttons to push. They are just very good at what they do."

And Niagara, with the second highest concentration of seniors across the country, is a good trolling place for them.

But seniors need to know that at no time will any financial institution or the police enlist the assistance of the public in apprehending any suspect in such a manner, says Spiridi.

And while he says it would be great to catch the suspect, in the meantime, he wants to protect other seniors from becoming victims.

He calls on family members and neighbours to discuss this ongoing scam with their vulnerable relatives and friends to prevent them from falling victim.

Anyone with information that will assist in identifying the suspect are asked to call the NRP at 905-688-4111, or to leave an anonymous tip or information, please contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477). Crime Stoppers can also be accessed on the Internet at www.crimestoppersofniagara.com or through mobile texting by sending a message to CRIMES (274637) with the text reading; tip309 and then the message.

Delegates asked to keep it short

Speakers at the council-in-committee meeting on March 1st will be asked to keep their comments brief and succinct.

At Monday's council meeting, the local government voted in favour of waiving the rules of procedure to hold speakers on both sides of the Bay Beach issue to five minutes for their delegations. Additional time may be requested and given if allowed by council.

After presentations are made by people representing both sides of the issue, council will vote on a staff report to move ahead in a private-public partnership with Burlington-based developer to build a 12-storey condominium building on the south side of Erie Road in Crystal Beach. A by-law to officially endorse the project will also be considered if the report is approved by council in at the same meeting.

At the Jan. 25th public meeting at Town Hall, 26 individuals spoke against the project with 13 speaking in favour. The council meeting lasted seven-and-a-half hours, adjourning at 1:30 a.m. the next day.

Town clerk Carolyn Kett said on Tuesday that two delegates have registered to speak. Anyone else wishing to voice an opinion has until March 1st at 3 p.m. to register.

Two assaulted with baseball bat

Two residents were transported to hospital early Sunday morning after being attacked with a baseball bat, in what Niagara Regional Police (NRP) are referring to as a home invasion.

At approximately 3 a.m., uniformed officers with district no. 5 were called to a residence, where a male and a female had been assaulted with a baseball bat after two males forced their way into the upper apartment they were in. In a press release issued by the NRP, it is said that one of the males is responsible for striking the victims with the bat. Anyone with information about this crime is asked to call the NRP at (905) 688 4111 ext. 2300. To leave an anonymous tip, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

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Local artists Joe Garner going over some of his work with Fort Erie Arts Council chair Catharine Mindorff-Facca and her niece Genevieve Mindorff at the sixth annual Red Ribbon Art Exhibit and Sale last weekend at the Ontario Welcome Centre.

Red Ribbon proves to be one of Niagara's top artistic events

Kris Dubé
The Times

For those who aren't aware of all the artistic talent in Fort Erie, the sixth annual Red Ribbon Art Exhibit and Sale has proven once again to be a great way to showcase it.

Hosted by the Fort Erie Arts Council, 72 artists from Fort Erie and its surrounding area displayed their work and even sold a few pieces while they were at it too.

Catharine Mindorff-Facca, chair of the local art group said she was overwhelmed by how well-attended the three day event was, held at the Ontario Welcome Centre on Bertie Street.

"The community just poured out," she said.

The event kicked-off last Friday with a fundraiser, with visitors being asked to pay a $25 admission fee. Mindorff-Facca said the artistic creativity that flows through the local community is becoming more well-known by Niagara residents, considering over 250 people stopped in to appreciate some of the work.

> **"I really think Fort Erie should be proud of the artistic talent in the local community."**
> *— Catharine Mindorff-Facca*

"I really think Fort Erie should be proud of the artistic talent in the local community," she said.

A unique feature to this year's event was a 'green theme' and artists could submit work to be chosen for a people's choice award, with people casting their votes all weekend.

"We just wanted to do something different this year," said event chair Sheri Ordinario who is also very thankful for Anna and Michael Olsen volunteering their time on Friday night. The Olsen's both have their own cuisine-related TV shows on Canadian networks.

The winner of the people's choice award was local artist Jennette Conners for her piece titled "The Lynx."

Although she completed it long before the theme of this year's Red Ribbon was announced, she felt it was very appropriate for the theme, as wildlife is an important part of the environment.

"I just thought it was perfect for it," she said.

This is the third Red Ribbon for Conners but she has been working on her craft for much longer.

She said being recognized at an event like this, that has gained quite the reputation in the Niagara art community is very rewarding and inspiring to continue painting and drawing.

"I'm very excited about this," said Connors.

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Pastor Pierre George leading a chorus of Haitian singers at an interfaith prayer service held at the Lions Banquet Hall at the Leisureplex last Saturday. Six local churches were represented at the event that drew out approximately 150 people.

Faith community benefits Haiti

The local spiritual community is pulling together for those impacted hy the devastating earthquake in Haiti.

Last Saturday, hundreds of people gathered at the Lions banquet hall at the Leisureplex for an interfaith prayer service in an attempt to show support for those affected and to raise money to send to the pillaged country.

Guy Michel, a Haitian immigrant who is also the pastor at Bethel Pentecostal Church is extremely thankful for the thoughtfulness of the local community during such a tough time for his native country.

"We, as Haitian people, are glad to see we are not alone in this situation," said Michel.

He says it is great to see all the money and food that is being sent to Haiti, but more still needs to he done. Now that people have been homeless for weeks, people are suffering from depression and other psychological issues he feels need to he treated.

"It's a really, really sad situation," said Michel whose hrother perished in the deadly quake.

Dr. Gary Screaton Page said he was encouraged hy the different religious denominations represented at the afternoon service and thankful for those who were unahle to attend hut still expressed their support prior to the event. There were six churches at the fund-raising faith service and many citizens who donated, which he said is appreciated more than what people realize.

"I was very pleased with the support, widely hased across the community," said Screaton who is the pastor at First Baptist Church in Fort Erie.

Several local schools continue to raise money for Haiti Relief through various activities and events.

The Italo-Canadian Cluh will he holding a pasta dinner fundraiser on March 11th.

Ads placed to ensure beach will remain public

Some feel amount of opposition to project should have been mentioned

Kris Dubé
The Times

Recent advertisements paid for by the Town of Fort Erie in The Times have some people saying the local government is trying to make it seem like the Crystal Beach Development Project is a "done deal."

In Wednesday's *Buffalo News*, Ridgeway resident Sharon Bowers, along with another local resident provided comments, saying it is inappropriate and doesn't represent the amount of opposition there is to erecting a 12-storey condominium huilding on the south side of Erie Road at Bay Beach, a summer destination visited hy people from all over Ontario and Western New York.

On Thursday, Bowers explained her feelings to the Times, saying the ads "looked great" hut that she doesn't see the justification in spending taxpayers' money to promote the project without mentioning the fact that there are strong concerns from resident ahout how the project would impact the area, if approved.

"It gives the impression that it's a done deal and doesn't mention that there's a lot of opposition to it," she said.

Mayor Doug Martin said the advertisements were placed so the Town's planning department could clearly illustrate what the development would look like, addressing concerns ahout puhlic accessihility to the heach.

"It's a clear indication to the puhlic of what the project will look like, what the impact will he and that the heach will remain in puhlic hands," said Martin.

Also in the *Buffalo News* article, the legal representation for a coalition opposed to the project, the Fort Erie Waterfront Preservation Society, accuses the Town of not following the proper procedure at the Jan 25th puhlic meeting, as people in support of the plan spoke first.

Martin said this has been the routine for a long time.

"It's something we've done for every planning application that's come forward for the last 20 years," he said.

At the puhlic meeting, 13 people spoke in favour of the development and 26 people spoke against it.

It will he a different format on March 1st when the local governent decides whether or not to officially endorse the plan, as it won't he a puhlic meeting like Jan. 25th and speakers are required to register at Town Hall hy 3 p.m.

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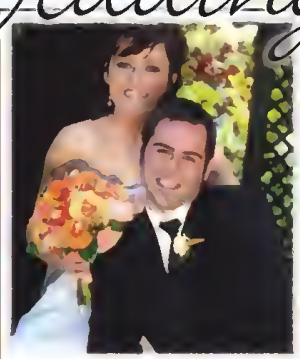

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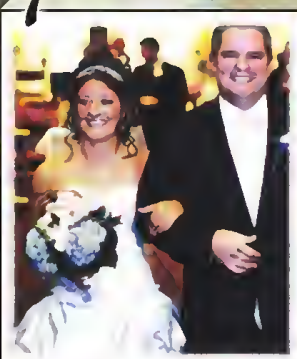

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our editorial

Fort Erie is one artistic place to be

For a small town, Fort Erie is a hotbed for artistic talent and vision.

Last weekend marked the sixth annual Red Ribbon Art Exhibit and Sale hosted by the Fort Erie Arts Council and it continues to prove the local artistic community is nothing to shake a paintbrush at.

Over 70 artists were on hand to showcase their work and all of them have a huge amount of creativity and talent.

There were so many different varieties of art being displayed at the annual event that has continued to grow over the years.

And these were just the artists who knew about the exhibit and the Fort Erie Arts Council.

This is just the tip of the iceberg as there are so many other residents out there who have not yet taken the step into the public spotlight which begs the question... what are you waiting for?

The Fort Erie Arts Council, along with Fort Erie Heritage Arts, doesn't criticize the work of its members, they appreciate and cherish it to the fullest extent.

Every local artist should be affiliated with one of these two groups, if not both.

Do You Remember?

Thanks to Marni Gauthier, Bob Brown, Ethel Collins and Sherry Storrey-Perchaluk for supplying all the girls' names in last week's photo taken in the hall of Fort Erie Secondary School, 1984-85. From left to right are Katie Court, Lisa McRavey, Miriam Lapp and Sarah Sacheli. By coincidence, Lisa was a student at the Museum in 1987 working on our educational programs. Although we have no leads for this week's photo, we think that it might show several generations of the same family. If you know who these people are please call the museum at (905) 894-5322 or send us an email at museum.forterie.on.ca.

Editor rekindles love affair just in time for Valentine's Day

EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK By Kris Dubé

How do I write a Valentine's Day column without it being the exact same as last year's?

I haven't been married or divorced since then and don't have too much to say about relationships since I'm not in one currently.

These were thoughts going through my head earlier this week until it came to me. On Wednesday night I was reunited with the love of my life from my younger years and to be quite honest I think it went quite well. I wore a helmet and other articles of protective gear...just to be safe.

I guess this is the paragraph I should get to the point so I don't confuse anyone any further.

This rekindled romance I experienced was with the game of hockey.

A few of my friends recently started getting back into playing in a league, something most of us stopped doing in high school. But also on Wednesday night, we were invited for an hour of ice-time at the Leisureplex and we accepted the invitation.

After a few hours of scrounging and phone calls, I was able to gather up skates, a stick and all the other accessories I needed. I was ready to go for the first time in so many years.

Most of my childhood was spent playing minor hockey in Fort Erie and it just might have been the best time of my life.

I've played on ponds a handful of times since I hung up the skates competitively but Wednesday's game has inspired me to love the game the way I used to. I still watch any game that is on TV and cheer my brains out for the Montreal Canadiens...but this has brought me back to where I need to be. I have been trying to quit smoking for the last several months and this can only help. Afterall, I don't think I took a shift longer than a minute on Wednesday.

I have since then purchased the nearly brand new skates my friend leant to me and will likely scope out some deals on all the other essentials.

During our time off, hockey and I were still close friends but it feels really nice to know we're more than just friends again. Happy Valentine's Day to hockey fans everywhere.

If you would like to leave me feedback, call me at (905) 871-3100 ext. 207 or send me an email at editorial@forterietimes.com.

opinion page

Reader not pleased with quality of care

Dear Editor,

I would like to share my experiences at the Greater Niagara General Hospital.

I was suffering from a mild stroke and my daughter took me to Douglas Memorial Hospital on a Sunday morning, where I was extremely well treated. I was immediately put on a stretcher and well wrapped in a really warm blanket, after which the ambulance was called, arriving within a short period of time, to have me moved to the Niagara Falls hospital.

Before leaving Fort Erie, I was again wrapped in two more blankets for my trip.

As soon as I arrived at GNGH I knew I was in the jaws of Hell.

Upon arriving late Sunday morning, I was left in a hallway on the stretcher for over an hour. The paramedic was at my side the whole time as they are not allowed to leave until after the patient is admitted or examined by a doctor. When a patient is having a stroke they should be seen immediately and not left for over an hour before being seen by a doctor.

There were numerous other patients on stretchers waiting to be examined, all of them with the look of fear on their faces, as I am sure the same look was on my face, wondering how long the wait would be as some of these patients, myself included, needed immediate attention.

There was also a lack of communication between DMH and GNGH as no one seemed to know who I was, where I was from or the reason for my being there.

I was put in a room, hooked up to an electrocardiogram, the curtains were drawn and I was left unattended until late Sunday night.

While in the room I did not see anyone and was not offered a drink of water. Then I was put into a smaller room and around 3 a.m. a nurse came in and I requested my medication and was told they had no knowledge of any medication. A list of my medication is always firmly attached to my health card and the records were sent from DMH to GNGH.

On Monday morning, I requested they call my daughter to come and take me home. At that time the nurse brought in eye drops. The bottle was already opened and I did not want to use them as I was not aware of who may have used them before. At that time, I realized they had medical records or they would not have known I needed eye drops. An appointment was then set up for me to see a doctor at the Allied Health Centre on Tuesday.

I am writing this to let people of Fort Erie know that our hospital is very important to us and we should not stop fighting to have it reinstated.

I hope that no other person has to go through the experiences I had. So young people and old people, keep your voices heard to keep our hospital open.

Gloria McNaughton
Fort Erie

Dentist goes above and beyond

Dear Editor,

We have so many pressures and challenges in life. When experiencing these challenges, it is so refreshing to get help from someone who is not only professional but empathetic.

It is in this regard that I would like to commend and express appreciation to Dr. S. chow of Fort Erie. He has been our family dentist for about 15 years now. Not only has he handled our "regular" dental needs, but within the past two years has repeatedly come to our assistance with regard to some extra health issues. His continuing kindness, thoroughness and professional help is greatly appreciated. Even though he is a busy professional man, it has been with a gentle smile and willingness to "take the time to help" that makes us feel we can go to him when needed. So a sincere thank you to Dr. S. Chow and his efficient, friendly staff.

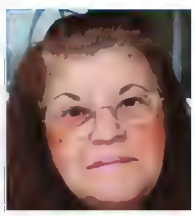
Gina Werry
Ridgeway

The TIMES Asks

How will you be spending this year's Valentine's Day?

Ivan Raos

"I'll just be going out to dinner with my wife. It's our tradition."



Joanne Meredith

"I'll be spending time with my grandson since it's his birthday."

Mike Chevalier

"We will be celebrating with our friends who were married on Valentine's Day."

Henry Whalen

"We'll just be at home having a nice, home cooked meal."

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On Jan. 7, the Cirasolo family and the Spear family brought the Times along with them to Rio Jalisco in the Riviera Nayarit, Mexico. They even had the privilege to meet Captain Jack Sparrow on his quest to find the World's End.

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(1) NOTICE OF PASSING OF A ZONING BY-LAW
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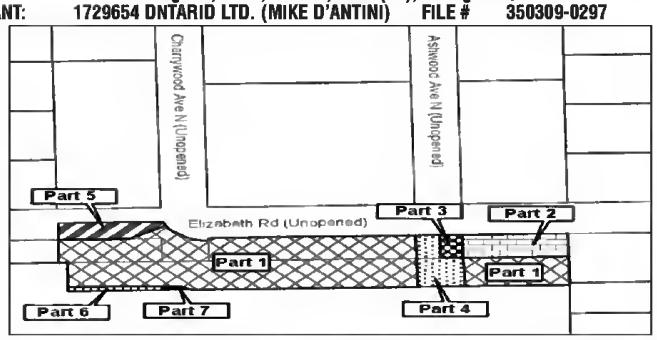

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Town of Fort Erie passed **By-law Number 11-10** on the **8th day of February, 2010** under section 34 of The Planning Act, 1990.

AND TAKE NOTICE that any person or agency may appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board in respect of the by-law by filing with the Clerk of the Town of Fort Erie not later than the **5th day of March, 2010**, a notice of the appeal setting out the objection to the by-law and the reasons in support of the objection. Any appeal must be accompanied by the Board's fee of $125.00. A certified cheque or money order in this amount made payable to the Minister of Finance must accompany the Notice of Appeal.

Only individuals, corporations and public bodies may appeal a zoning by-law to the Ontario Municipal Board. A Notice of Appeal may not be filed by an unincorporated association or group. However, a Notice of Appeal may be filed in the name of an individual who is a member of the association or the group. An explanation of the Purpose and Effect of the By-law, describing the lands to which the By-law applies may be found below and a key map showing the location of the lands to which the By-law applies is shown above. The complete By-law is available for inspection in the Clerk's office during regular office hours.

PURPOSE AND EFFECT

The purpose and effect of By-law 11-10 is to amend Zoning By-law 129-90 (COMPREHENSIVE ZONING BY-LAW) by changing the zoning of the lands shown on the location map as Part 1 from **"Neighbourhood Development ND Zone"** to **"Residential 2 R2-426 Zone"** Part 2 from **"Residential 2 R2 Zone"** to **"Residential 2 R2-426 Zone"**, Part 3 from **"Residential 2 R2 Zone"** to **"Residential Multiple RM1-362 Zone"**, Part 4 from **"Neighbourhood Development ND Zone"** to **"Residential Multiple RM1-362 Zone"** Part 5 from **"Neighbourhood Development ND Zone"** to **"Residentiel 2 R2 Zone"**, Part 6 from **"Residential Multiple RM1-362 Zone"** to **"Residentiel 2 R2-426 Zone"**, and Part 7 from **"Residential Multiple RM1-362 Zone"** to **"Residential 2 R2-426 Zone"** in order to permit single detached dwellings with reduced setbacks and to permit a condominium development.

The lands zoned Residential 2 R2-426 shall comply with all of the provisions of By-law 129-90 as amended that relate to lands zoned Residential 2 R2 except:

i) the minimum lot area shall not be less than 370 square metres;
ii) the minimum lot frontage shall not be less than 14.7 metres;
iii) the minimum front yard setback shall not be less than 4.5 metres to the dwelling and 6.0 metres to the garage;
iv) the minimum rear yard setback shall not be less than 7.5 metres, and;
v) the maximum lot coverage shall not be more than 45%.

Parts 3 and 4 will provide an additional point of access to the approved condominium townhouse development to the south.

DATED AT THE TOWN OF FORT ERIE THIS 13TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2010.
CAROLYN KETT, TOWN CLERK

(2) ** TAX NOTICE **

TOWN OF FORT ERIE 2010 INTERIM TAXES FOR ALL PROPERTY CLASSES

FIRST INSTALLMENT DUE FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2010

For further information regarding payment of taxes,
please refer to the back of your tax bill.

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Finance Department, Municipal Centre,
Fort Erie, Ontario

Gillian Corney
Manager of Revenue & Collections

(3) TOWN OF FORT ERIE
COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY OWNERS

The deadline for filing an Application for Rebate of Property Taxes for Vacancies in Commercial and Industrial Buildings for the 2009 tax year is

Friday, February 26, 2010.

Fully completed applications should be submitted to the Finance Department
Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
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(4) NO OVERNIGHT PARKING ON STREETS

ATTENTION ALL MOTORISTS: In an effort to keep the streets free of vehicles during the winter months for snow-plowing and sanding operations, residents are reminded that no overnight parking is permitted.

Traffic By-law No. 2000-89, Section 205 provides that "No person shall park a vehicle or permit a vehicle to remain parked" on any street in Town "between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. on any day during the months of November, December, January, February and March.".

The Town's By-law Enforcement Officers will be exercising vigilant enforcement of By-law No. 2000-89. Your vehicle will be issued a parking ticket and could be towed, at your expense, if found in violation of the by-law.

Enquiries may be directed to the Town's By-law Enforcement Officers by calling (905) 871-1600, Extension 2210 (Scott Stephenson) or Extension 2215 (Jack Cox).
Carolyn J. Kett, A.M.C.T., Town Clerk, Town of Fort Erie

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

(1) FORT ERIE PUBLIC LIBRARY - CONTRACT POSITION
Program Assistant - Kid's Quest After School Program

The Fort Erie Public Library Board seeks a part-time Program Assistant for the Kid's Quest After School Program. This position is a three-month contract position for the remainder of the 2010 school year program with a potential for renewal of the contract for the 2010-2011 school year program. The Program Assistant works two afternoons a week.

The successful candidate will possess:

- A post secondary education, BA preferred
- A minimum of two years experience working with school age children is required.
- Good communication, organizational and interpersonal skills

Duties and Responsibilities include:

- Assisting with homework (English, Math and Science)
- Crafts and Activities
- Reading Readiness

Email resume to: Maria Brigantino, Acting CEO mbrigantino@forterie.library.on.ca

DEADLINE DATE: Friday, February 19, 2010 AT 5:00 P.M.

(2) SUMMER STUDENT EMPLOYMENT
(April 15 - October 15)
Competition #03-2010

The Corporation is now accepting applications for summer student employment opportunities in the following service areas:

- **Parks, Cemeteries, Facilities and Roads Labourers**
- **Horticulture**
- **Museums - Research and Operations**
- **Engineering Support**
- **Office/Administration**

Full details and an application form can be viewed at **www.town.forterie.ca,** "Town Hall", then click on Employment Opportunities. The form is also available at Town Hall and the Gibson Centre. Send the application form and a resume to: SUMMER STUDENT EMPLOYMENT, Human Resources, Town of Fort Erie, 1 Municipal Centre Drive, Fort Erie, ON L2A 2S6. Fax: (905) 871-4022 E-mail: hrmail@forterie.on.ca (MS Word or pdf preferred)

The deadline for receiving your application is **5:00 p.m. FRIDAY MARCH 26, 2010**.

Only applications chosen for interviews will be contacted. Personal information is collected pursuant to the *Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended to determine eligibility for employment.

Heart and Stroke Foundation needs volunteers

Kris Dubé
The Times

Have a heart... especially in February.

February is Heart Month and the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Niagara needs your help with its annual Person to Person (P2P) fundraising campaign.

This month, over 900 volunteers will be braving the cold in neighbourhods across the region, to collect money for the foundation.

Forty-five businesses and organizations will be supporting Heart Month throughout Niagara by selling hearts and initiating other internal fundraisers such as dress-down days and bake sales.

Program co-ordinator with the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Niagara Katie McNamee said support in Fort Erie is nowhere what it used to be and more people are desperately needed to make the campaign a success.

"Over the years, support has decreased drastically," she said.

Last year, only eight canvassers collected for the cause and that number has doubled this year, but 16 people covering all of Greater Fort Erie still isn't good enough. This doesn't include support from Fort Erie's local air cadet squadron that will be heading out into the Crescent Park area this month.

"We're in the process of rebuilding, basically from the start," she said.

McNamee said it is important to raise awareness about the need for volunteers but equally as imperative to make sure people know that their neighbourhood will be visited soon.

"We want people to be aware they might be knocking on their door," said McNamee.

Anyone interested in volunteering can call (905) 938-8800.

Scotiabank employees Virginia Rudynski, Sonia van Brussel, Marilyn Atherton and Gord Gregory proudly wear their heart badges suppporting the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Niagara. Throughout the month of February employees will be accepting donations for the cause as February is Heart month. Neighbourhoods will also be canvassed throughout the month collecting donations.

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Black History Month Program
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Friday March 12th, 2010 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

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Wednesday March 10th, 2010 10:00 am to 2:00 pm
Thursday March 11th, 2010 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

WHO QUALIFIES:
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This program is made possible by community volunteers. A special thank you to all the volunteers for your generous time and assistance in providing this essential and valuable service to our community.

In appreciation,
The Hon. Rob Nicholson MP Niagara Falls

Station No. 2 gets new pump

Firefighters at Station No. 2 stand outside with their 2009 Rosenbauer pumper. The new vehicle cost $370,000 andprovides many different features such as more cab room and better storage compartments. The station received the truck on Jan. 7 and has yet to be used at any serious fires. These types of fire trucks are expected to have a life span of 20 years before having to be replaced, said deputy fire chief Keith German. The Fort Erie Fire Department currently has 19 vehicles.

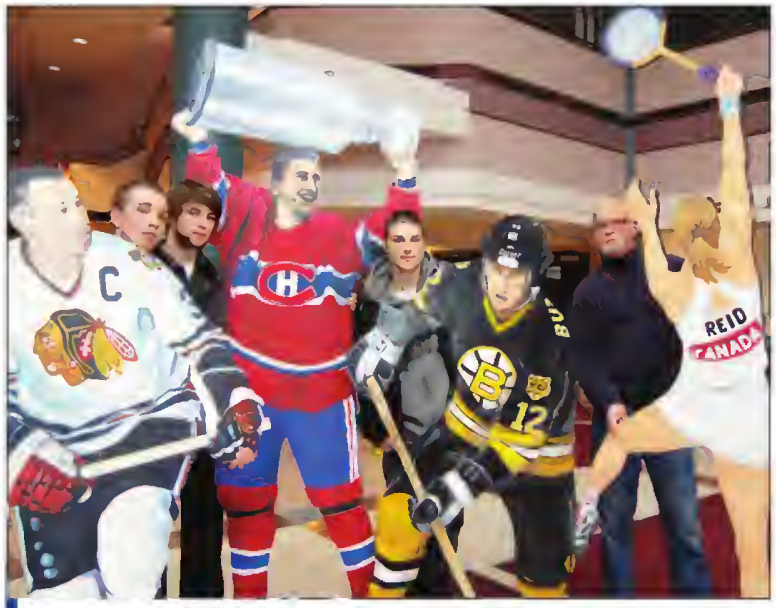
Definition please?

A recent spelling bee held at the Fort Erie Public Library's centennial branch had all kinds of students studying the dictionaries in order to have a chance of winning one of many different prizes. Seen here are Dinushka Balasingam, Stephen Passero, regional councillor Shirley Cordiner and Divita Balasingam. Passero and Cordiner were a couple of the "celebrity" contestants.

Friendship is a helping hand

Liz Davies and Elbert Doornekamp of St John's Anglican Ridgemount Road present a cheque for $1646.94 to Elaine Hummell of St. Luke's Lutheran Church for their fire fund. This was the proceeds of their special roast beef dinner. Ninety pounds of potatoes were consumed on January 28th. St Luke's on the corner of Disher and Prospect Point Road was destroyed by fire in February of last year and is in the process of rebuilding.

Sports greats captured through art



At Monday night's council meeting, Fort Erie Heritage Arts made a presentation, promoting life-size billboards of lofal sports greats created by local artists. Chair Ruby Smith requested council to consider placing these creations at the Leisureplex. Seen here are Dan Boles, left, with Pierre Pilote, Mike Boles with Mike Lalor, Cameron Tassone with Randy Burridge and Jack Ashwood with Charmaine Reid.

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Minister of Industry 'very impressed' with Eurocopter

Matt Day
The Times

With an upcoming major contract with the Canadian Coast Guard expecting to take place sometime in June, Canada's Minister of Industry Tony Clement visited the Fort Erie based Eurocopter Canada plant on Wednesday.

Clement took part in a roundtable discussion with some of Niagara's entrepreneurs in St. Catharines earlier in the day before heading to the helicopter producing plant for a tour and to learn more about what goes on inside.

It was part of his Niagara visit to discuss with certain business owners how to deal with the slowing economy. Clement asked what kind of help owners would like to see from the Federal government and where they saw things going in the near future.

"Eurocopter is obviously a very successful company and I know it has had its share of challenges, but a lot of manufacturing companies are facing these types of challenges," Clement said. "Clearly, [Eurocopter] has made a commitment to Canada since 1984 and I wanted to learn a little bit more of their operations."

Clement said he was "very impressed" with what he saw during his half-hour tour of the 135,000 square foot building that had him seeing how different parts in the plant were produced to help create a finished helicopter.

He said having a successful plant like this in a small town such as Fort Erie will create a lot of good spinoff effects.

"Not everything has to be in huge urban centres, as they have obviously made it work here," he said, before being whisked up in an EC 135 bi-turbine helicopter for an aerial tour of the region. "I like the amount of research and development going on, the composite materials being used are leading edge innovations and this bodes well for the future."

Guy Joannes, Eurocopter's president and CEO, said he was delighted the minister took time to come to Fort Erie.

> **"This is the way it should be... a company that is producing not only for a domestic market but for an international market."**
> *— Tony Clement*

He said he wanted to show him the capability they have in engineering a quality product and serving customers not only in Canada, but around the world.

"He was quite interested to see how the manufacturing and completion of the product is done," said Joannes.

By leaving a good impression, Joannes said he expects the tender to go through with the Canadian Coast Guard which would see the production of 22 helicopters like the one Clement flew in on his aerial tour.

"We wanted to show him how remote of an area this is and how it's not so easy to find jobs around here," said Joannes.

"It's important for us to be secured in terms of business so we can continue to create and maintain jobs."

Clement said he liked the fact Eurocopter is expanding more into the global marketplace, with plants all over Europe.

"This is the way it should be -- a company that is producing not only for a domestic market, but for the international market."

Eurocopter Canada currently employs 210 high-tech, skills-based employees.

The company also has a 53 per cent market share on the single and twin engine market.

Minister of Industry Tony Clement is shown around Eurocopter Canada by the company's Eastern Sales Manager Richard Airlie on Wednesday. He was shown the many products the Gilmore Road facility produces and was taken up in an EC 135 bi-turbine helicopter tp get an aerial view of the region.

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Pedestrian struck with snowplow

On Wednesday at approximately 6:53 a.m., members of the Niagara Regional Police (NRP), Niagara Emergency Medical Service and the Fort Erie Fire Department responded to a single motor vehicle collision involving a pedestrian at the GOCO Gas Station and Convenience Store located at 2137 Stevensville Road.

Initial Investigation revealed that a 48-year-old Fort Erie, Ontario male was plowing snow with a 2005 Dodge Ram pickup truck that was outfitted with a snowplow.

At the same time a 69-year-old male pedestrian was clearing snow with a shovel. The driver of the Dodge was reversing and collided with the pedestrian.

The 69-year-old pedestrian was taken to the Niagara Health System's Greater Niagara General Site before being treated for minor injuries and released.

The driver of the Dodge was not injured in the collision.

This collision remains under investigation by detectives of the NRP 's collision reconstruction unit. Anyone with information regarding this collision is asked to contact investigators at (905) 688-4111, extension 5500.

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Director excited to hit stage with 'super cast'

Kris Dubé
The Times

When a director says his play consists of a "super cast," it's probably safe to say it will be a success.

Lee Moffat has been working with the cast of Garrison Little Theatre (GLT)'s upcoming production titled *Animal Magnetism*, which starts next Friday at the Italo-Canadian Club on Dipietro Street.

The script, written by playwright Simon Joynes, involves a pet-napping ring and other zany plot twists performed by a cast consisting of both GLT veterans and newcomers.

Moffat said the play is wonderfully written and he is proud to adapt it into something special for the GLT.

"He's provided us with an absolutely phenomenal play," said Moffatt.

He said audiences will be treated to all types of innuendos and misunderstandings in the unconventional production.

"The whole story is pretty crazy," he said.

Moffatt is also very pleased with his cast, pointing out that rehearsals started in November and by January everyone no longer needed to refer to their scripts and were acting "off book" as it is referred to in the entertainment world.

"They've done an absolutely fantastic job...the whole cast is pretty much a dream cast," said Moffatt.

Evening shows being held on Feb. 19th, 20th, 21st, 26th and 27th are $35 and include a pasta dinner from Maria's Catering. There will be a matinee show on Feb. 27th which can be enjoyed for $20, including pizza bread, salad and dessert.

Tickets can be purchased by calling Pastries Rene at (905) 871 9868 or by leaving a message at (905) 871-3520.

Local non–profits need volunteers and donations

Local non-profit organizations are always in need of volunteers and donations of any kind.

The Niagara Chapter of Native Women needs someone who is available to shred paper for a two-hour shift, one or two times a week. Anyone interested can call Wendy Sturgeon at (905) 871-8770 or send her an email at edcncw@ncnw.net.

The Adult Literacy Council of Greater Fort Erie needs volunteers who would like to help others upgrade their reading, writing and basic math skills through the Tutor Training Workshop, starting in March. Those who are interested can call (905) 871-6626 or email kerilynn@literacyforterie.ca to register.

Casa El Norte is in need of household paper supplies and personal hygiene products such as toilet paper, paper towels and tissues. Contact Lynn Hannigan at (905) 871-4483.

The Women's Addiction Recovery Mediation is in need of books on any 12-step addiction and alcohol recovery programs as well as computer software to update current office programs. Contact Claire Duthie at (905) 871-9195 ext. 822 or send an email to claire.d@warmniagara.org or stop by 20 Jarvis St.

The South Niagara Life Centre (SNLC) is in need of volunteers to complete a variety of functions from baking to cleaning to teaching life skills and parenting, as well as helping with the co-ordination of events hosted by the SNLC. Contact Martha Beroud at (905) 871-0236 or send her an email atmartha@snlmcounsel.ca.

The United Way of Niagara Falls and Greater Fort Erie needs volunteers to help plan an auction. Call Carol Stewart-Kirkby at (905) 354 9342 or send an email to carolsk@vaxxine.com.

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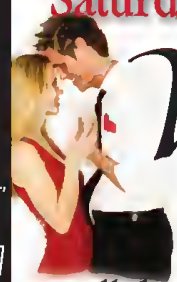
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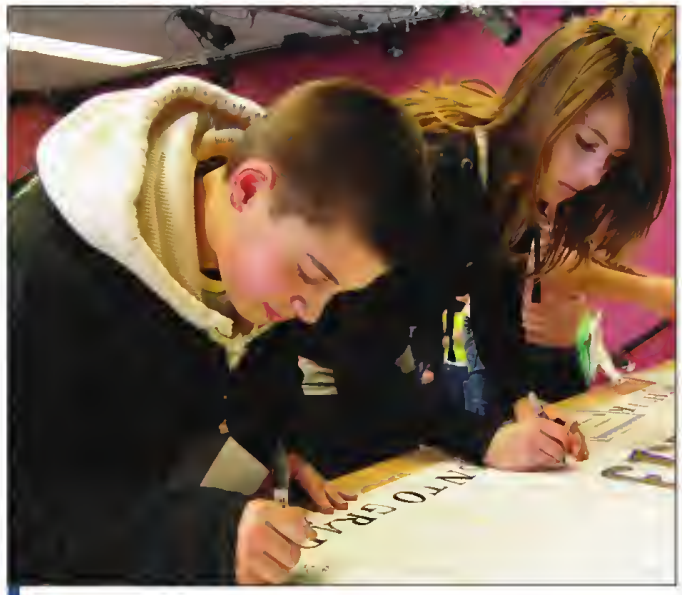
Hats for Haiti

Ridgeway-Crystal Beach High School students Chantal Gooderham, left, Jordyn Woehl, Vanessa Grant and Carina Ervine checking out each others headwear on Thursday. Students were permitted to wear their favourite hat for a $2 donation to Haiti relief.

Sign on to graduate



Ridgeway-Crystal Beach High School grade nine students Drew Athoe and Alanna Bandy making a written promise to focus on their studies and graduate in 2013. This is an annual tradtion for the local high school.

Mailboxes vandalized locally

Between January 29th and February 1st, 2010, several Canada Post mailboxes were vandalized in the cities of St. Catharines and Fort Erie.

In the west end of St. Catharines, within a three block radius, three community mailboxes were damaged. Six community mailboxes were damaged in the southeast area of Fort Erie, also within a three block radius.

The community mailboxes have numerous residential mailboxes contained in one large unit with an outgoing mail slot on top. The damage occurred as a result of the outgoing mail slots being pried open.

Anyone with information about this investigation is urged to contact the Niagara Regional Police Service at 905-688-4111. To leave an anonymous tip or information, please contact Crime Stoppers toll free at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477). Calls are not electronically recorded or traced, and Crime Stoppers does not subscribe to call display. Crime Stoppers can also be accessed on the Internet at www.crimestoppersofniagara.com or through mobile texting by sending a message to CRIMES (274637) with the text reading; NIAGARA and then the message.

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Fort Erie Minor Lacrosse Association 2010 Season

FORT ERIE HAWKS

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REGISTRATION ONLY

Fort Erie Leisureplex Lobby - 9 AM to 1 PM

Saturdays: February 20th, February 27th, March 6th

REGISTRATION & CLINIC

Ridgeway Lion's Gym

Saturdays: March 27th, April 10th, April 17th, April 24th

Registrations will be available at 10 AM to 3 PM

Equipment Required - Helmet, Gloves, Stick & Athletic Support

Division	Age Group	Birth Year	Cost Per Player	Early Bird Cost* Per Player	Clinic Times
Soft Lacrosse	3-4	2006 - 2007	$125	$100	None
Paperweight	5-6	2004 - 2005	$125	$100	None
Tyke	7-8	2002 - 2003	$250	$225	10 AM – 11 AM
Novice	9-10	2000 - 2001	$250	$225	10 AM – 11 AM
Peewee	11-12	1998 - 1999	$250	$225	11 AM – 12 PM
Bantam	13-14	1996 - 1997	$250	$225	12 PM – 1 PM
Midget	15-16	1994 - 1995	$280	$255	1 PM – 2 PM
Intermediate	17-21	1989 to 1993	$280	$255	2 PM – 3 PM

* Early bird discount applies when paid in full by April 1, 2010

- New players are required to bring a copy of their birth certificate
- Registration fee include the Provincial Championships, the year-end banquet and one tournament (if a tournament is available)
- Games played at the Fort Erie Leisureplex – Kinsmen Arena
- Fees are non-refundable after player's first league game

INTERESTED COACHES PLEASE RESPOND INTEREST ON WEBSITE

Passero the shootout hero in Meteors 5-4 win over Canucks

Matt Day
The Times

Nik Passero knows all too well about the history and rivalry between the Fort Erie Meteors and the Niagara Falls Canucks.

His father and general manager of the Meteors, Tony Passero, has been battling Canucks' manager Terry Masterson for more than 30 years and both men know how much is at stake each time the QEW rivals meet.

That's why when 16-year-old Nik was called upon by his father to try and win the game for the Meteors in a shootout last Saturday, a win wasn't the only thing on his mind.

"I definitely felt the pressure. Everyone knows who I am and when I'm in the spotlight like that I need to step up," he said.

He definitely stepped up as he made sure his first ever attempt in a shootout was a memorable one, scoring the game-winning goal over the Canucks in front of tbe hometown crowd.

"It feels great. I grew up playing in Niagara Falls and every time they come here we know it's going to be an exciting game."

He let his emotion show in front of everyone, enthusiastically celebrating his goal as his team swarmed him after the thrilling 5-4 win. It was the team's first win at home since beating the Canucks in a come-from-behind shootout win on Jan. 9.

The win comes on the heels of a Wheatfield Blades loss too. Fort Erie is desperately trying to stay out of last place in the Golden Horseshoe Conference in order to avoid playing powerhouse St. Catharines in the first round of the playoffs beginning in less than a month.

As of Wednesday, Fort Erie held a three-point lead over Wheatfield in the standings.

"We have a little room between us now, but we need to open it up," said Tony after the win. "We don't want to play St. Catharines."

Tony said he was happy with his team's performance on Saturday night. The Meteors quickly jumped out to a 3-1 lead by the midway point of the first period on goals from Jesse Healy, Mackenzie McAvoy and Mike Baxter. Niagara Falls battled back and tied the game up by the third period as both teams continued to fire shots at each other's goalies.

A goal from Cole Rubinoff early in the third period put the home team up 4-3, leaving the Meteors to try and defend a lead late in the game -- something they have rarely had the opportunity to do all year.

Fort Erie then got into penalty trouble and were forced to try and kill off a five on three.

"When we took that second penalty, I heard a couple comments and bickering on the bench, but then we realized that this was it. This was our season and we had to do something about it," said Nik.

The Canucks ended up scoring one on the man advantage and forced the game into overtime.

Both goalies made key saves to send the game to shootout before Nik finished the game five shooters in.

The Meteors will be hosting their annual Kids Night on Feb. 20 where all children 12 and under get in free. There will be between $3,000 and $4,000 worth of prizes to be won.

The organization would like to thank the Greater Fort Erie Minor Hockey Association for holding their own successful kids night two weeks ago.

Nik Passero, left, is swarmed by teammates Brandon Thomas, middle, and Braeden Walker after their thrilling overtime win against the Niagara Falls Canucks on Saturday. Passero scored on his first-ever shootout attempt to give the Meteors the 5-4 win.

Bricks & Bouquets

If you have a brick or bouquet send it to editorial@forterietimes.com or phone 905-871-3100, ext. 210 and leave a message

Brick

To the coaches and parents that yell at the referees during hockey games. Sometimes it is neccessary and done in good humour, but when it becomes apparent it's the only reason you came to the arena...take a deep breath and just enjoy the game.

Brick

To people who let their dogs run loose. There is a by- law regarding this, yet every morning this week I've had to chase off some dog from my dog because she's in heat. I don't need puppies. Keep your dog tied up or in the house please.

Bouquet

To all of the people who showed their support to the Haitian community last Saturday. Thank you for coming out and for your continued prayers.

Brick

To people who move into a new neighbourhood and don't make the slightest attempt to be friendly with their neighbours.

Bouquet

To people who will be participating in the Fort Erie Big Brothers Big Sisters Bowl for Kids Sake from Feb. 20th to Feb. 27th. If you aren't much of a bowler then at least find someone who is and help out by filling some space on their pledge sheet.

Bouquet

To organizations, schools, churches and anyone else who notifies The *Times* about story and photo opportunities. Keep in mind a former email address that some people are still sending to is no longer in use. Please contact us at editorial@forterietimes.com.

Brick

To people who start working around the house with all kinds of saws and machinery at a far too early time of the day. Let me get my coffee first.

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WHEN:
Sat. Feb. 13TH, Sat. Feb. 20TH, Sat. Feb 27TH - 9 am-1pm
WHERE: Fort Erie - Leisureplex
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FESS teams entering playoffs

The senior boys basketball team at Fort Erie Secondary School has had a less than stellar year earning only two wins during the regular season, while the junior boys have only lost one game in 12. The senior team recently returned from the Niagara Falls Review tournament finishing seventh. On the left is Chapin Ormerod and beside him is Moses Balabyekkubo, who coach Ian Longmuir said has been the team's leader all year. Both teams will be entering playoffs soon, hoping to return FESS to its glory basketball days of the mid 2000s.

Bantams head to overtime

Members of the Fort Erie Jr. Meteors minor bantam team celebrate the tieing goal from Johnny Williams on Wednesday during the first game of the Ontario Minor Hockey Association's quarter finals, against a team from Burlington. The game ended in a 1-1 draw. The first team to reach six points will move on to the next round.

GFEMBA

GREATER FORT ERIE MINOR BALL
2010 PLAYER REGISTRATION
~REGISTRATION DATES~

Saturday, February 20th	10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Crystal Ridge Community Centre
Saturday, March 6th	10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Leisureplex
Saturday, March 13th	10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Wal-Mart
Saturday, March 20th	10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Leisureplex
Saturday, March 27th	10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Wal-Mart
Saturday, April 3rd	**10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**	**Ballshack** (Oakes Park-Ft. Erie)

PLEASE NOTE: APRIL 3RD IS FINAL REGISTRATION
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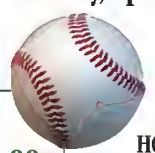

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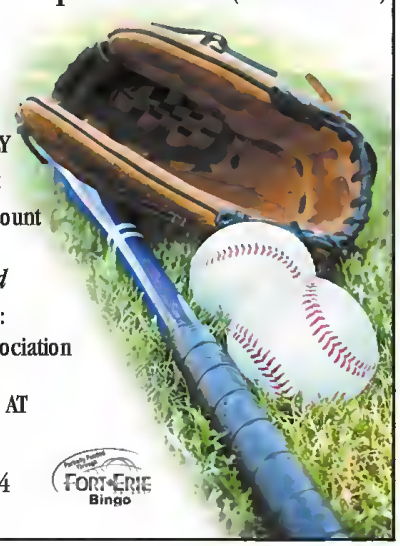

Fort Erie Bingo

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IN THE ESTATE OF DOROTHY RUTH SIMONS

All persons having claims against the Estate of Dorothy Ruth Simons, late of the Town of Fort Erie, Regional Municipality of Niagara, who died on the 24th day of November 2009, are notified to send particulars to the undersigned on or before the 31st day of March 2010, after which date the Estate will be distributed with regard only to claims of which the undersigned shall then have notice, and the undersigned will not be liable to any person of whose claim the undersigned shall not then have notice.

DATED this 5th day of February, 2010.

Patrick Leslie Sullivan, Estate Trustee
Estate of Dorothy Ruth Simons
By his Solicitor, Peter R. BonEnfant
P.O. Box 239, 241 Ridge Road
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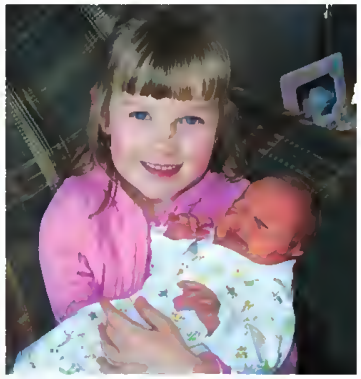
Births



O'BRIEN
Tim and Becky (Mark) are overwhelmed with joy to announce the safe arrival of their second precious daughter Calsey Lynn born on February 4, 2010 at 9:45 a.m. weighing 7 lbs 3 oz and 21 " long.. Proud and excited big sister is Carly Proud grandparents for the 4th time are David & Cheryl Mark and for the 7th time Jim O'Brien & Sharon Kelba. A special thanks to Daddy, Carly and Grandma Mark for being a wonderful help to Mommy and for all the love and support from all our family and friends. 11823040

Birthday greetings

Happy 13th Birthday, Brooke!
February 17th
Lots of love Mom, Nana, Brandon, BriAnna and the pooches.
XOXOXOXO 11825628

Birthday greetings

Happy 80th Birthday Ellen Kent
February 19, 2010
Love the Family. 11818372

Announcements/greetings

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In Honour of
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A Toast To The Happy Couple 11816596

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In memoriam

Don McDonald
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But that was nothing new.
We thought of you yesterday
And will tomorrow too.
We think of you in silence
And make no outward show.
For what it meant to lose you
Only those who love you know.
Remembering you is easy
We do it every day.
It's the heartache of losing you
That will never go away.
Though we may go forward with life and relationships, with our families, friends and others important in our lives, we will never leave behind what has been lost to us.
Always in our hearts, wife Elaine and daughter Andrea. Many family and friends miss you so much. 11817816

DOUGLAS M. MILLER
February 13, 1908
2 years have come and gone.
Most say that's not too long.
We miss you every day with our memories, of your smile, laugh and heart of gold.
Our love for you as a husband, father and grandfether will elways remein even through the tears.
Love, Sharon & family. 11824244

RIEGLE
In loving memory of our dear son,
Christopher,
who left us on February 12, 1981.
The heartaches in this world are many,
But to lose our son was the greatest of any
What we all would give to hear him say,
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To hear his voice and see him smile,
To sit and chat with him awhile.
Each time we look at your picture,
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Deaths

ALLEN, W. Keith - Formerly of Fort Erie, passed away in Jasper, Alberta on February 6th at the age of 60. Much loved son of Myrtle and the late Wendell (2002). Survived by sons Sean (Rebekah) and Warren (Amanda) and their mother Barbara. Sadly missed by brothers Kevin (Lisa) and Kent (Cindy), nephews Justin and Jordan, niece Kristen and great nephew Weston. Cremation has taken place and a Memorial Service will be held at a later date.

11823788

BITNER, Lorne A. - At Douglas Memorial Hosptial on Thursday, February 4, 2010. Lorne A. Bitner, beloved husband of Joan, dear father of Robert (Annette) and Patricia Doney, both of Ridgeway, loving grandfather of Robert, brother of Merle Bitner of Port Colborne. At Lorne's request cremation has taken place. A private service will be held at a later date. Arrangements entrusted to NIAGARA FUNERAL ALTERNATIVES, (905)894-0120.

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TURNEY, Jack - Jan 5, 1943 to Feb 6, 2010. Jack leaves behind his beloved family Danielle, Wesley, Andy, Anne, Pheobe. He leaves his life long friends John Loundsbury, Richard Kaczmarzyk, Louise Brown, David Beatty, and many more. Jack was a man of many passions. He loved fishing, teaching ice Dancing, wood working, camping, and canoeing. But most of all he loved sharing these passions with people in his life. Whether Jack's death has meant that we have lost a skating partner, a carpenter, a fishing buddy, or a father, we have all lost someone that we love. May his soul rest in peace and may those he has left behind never forget the impression that Jack left on our lives. Thank you to the staff of the ICU at Hotel Dieu-Grace Hospital for their care and compassion. Arrangements entrusted to Victoria Greenlawn Memorial Chapel and Visitation Centre, Windsor, ON. Private interment at a later date. In lieu of flowers donations to Heart and Stroke Foundation would be appreciated.

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Deaths

CLARK, Margaret - On Tuesday February 9th, 2010, Margaret passed away peacefully at Gilmore Lodge in her 90th year. Predeceased by her husband Caldon (1979) and her sisters Mary Cronin (1996) and Elizabeth Rayworth (2008) and her son-in-law Rod Jones (2000). Survived by daughter Cathy Jones and son Charles Burton Clark (Georgina), and grandchildren Brad (Kelly) Jones, Bryan Clark,Jennifer (Peter) Feren and Todd Clark. Lovingly remebered by her special friend Sid Morris. Margaret was the Deputy Clerk Treasurer for the Town of Fort Erie until her retirement in 1984 after 30 years of service to the municipality. Margaret was very active in the community having been awarded Senior of the Year Award in 1996, the Melvin Jones Fellowship in 1991 and the Lions International Helen Keller Fellowship in 1990. Margaret enjoyed her years as a member of the Ridgeway Lioness Club, Beachcombers Seniors and was a parishioner at All Saint's Anglican Church. Cremation has taken place and friend called at the **WILLIAMS FUNERAL HOME,** 722 Ridge Rd. N., Ridgeway on Thursday from 7-9 pm. Funeral was held in the chapel on Friday morning at 11 o'clock. Interment at Ridgeway Memorial to take place at a later time. In memoriam contributions may be made to the Canadian Diabetes Association.

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PALISKA, John - At the Greater Niagara General Hospital on Tuesday February 9th, 2010 in his 88th year. Beloved husband of Sue Paliska. Dear father of Linda MacDonald (Jim) of Ridgeway and Nancy Ryan (Michael) of Niagara Falls. Much loved Grandfather and "Buddy" of Lynette (Jerry & his son Curtis), Tim, Becky, Patrick (Bettina) and Brendan (Carolyn). Great-Grandfather of Aaron and Megan. Sadly missed by several nieces and nephews. Predeceased by brothers Andrew Spirko and Bill Paliska.John was employed as a Canada Customs Officer for over 30 years, was a veteran of WWII and a member of Branch #71 of the Royal Canadian Legion. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES** 1105 Benner Ave. Fort Erie entrusted with arrangements. The family will receive friends on Friday February 12th, from 2-4 and 7-9 pm. There will be a Legion Service at 7pm Friday evening. Funeral Service will be on Saturday at 11am at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church (corner of Bertie and Douglas Street). Following the service a reception will be held at the Royal Canadian Legion. Cremation and private interment at a later date. Donations to Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church or the Legion Poppy Fund would be appreciated by the family, cards available at the funeral home. Thank you to Pastor Julio Romero and the Trinity Family, The Staff of GNGH and to all our family and friends for their love and support.

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Deaths

PICKARD, John M (Jack) - passed away on February 5th, in Fort Myers, Florida, after a brief illness and in his 88th year. Survived by his loving wife Ruth, stepchildren Rick, and Roselyn and his sister Mary, brother-in-law Pat Brown, sister-in-laws Margret and Beryl as well as many devoted nieces and nephews. Predeceased by his parents Bill and Donna and brothers Bill and Pat. Jack spent many years in the dairy industry in both Canada and the USA and defended his country overseas with the Elgin Regiment during WW2. Cremation will take place in Florida and a memorial service will be held in Canada at a later date.

11820543

SCOTT, Elizabeth Bernice - Peacefully at Bella Nursing Home, Chippawa on Monday February 8, 2010 at the age of 89 years. Beloved wife of the late Ralph Lloyd Scott. Dear mother of Glenn Scott and Wayne Scott and his wife Jacqueline. Loving grandmother of Brenda, David and Patti and great-grandmother of Nicole and Lincoln. Cherished sister of Doris Powell and the late Clarence Pierce, sister-in-law of Calvin Scott, Cecil Scott (Julie) and Marjorie Scott. Special thanks to the dedicated staff at Bella Nursing Home for their compassionate care of Elizabeth over the last number of years. Friends called at the **WILLIAMS FUNERAL HOME**, 722 Ridge Rd. N., Ridgeway on Wednesday from 7-9 pm. Funeral was held in the chapel on Thursday morning at 11 o'clock. Interment followed at McAffee Cemetery. In memoriam contributions may be made to a charity of choice.

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TROUP, Audrey Irene (nee Ellsworth) - formerly of Fort Erie and Port Colborne passed away in Ottawa on Tuesday February 9, 2010 at the age of 94 years. She was the dear wife of the late Harvey Troup, loving mother of Kathryn Wolbert (Alan Baxter) of Ottawa, Susan Thorne (Dave) of Port Colborne and Marilyn Parr (Robert) of Waterford, cherished grandmother of Kristine Wolbert McCalla (Mark), Mark Wolbert, Brad Thorne (Jacinthe), Amy Thorne Allison (Greg), Audrey Parr, Emily (Parr) Seiger (Scott) and great-grandmother of Derek, Scott, Alexa and Lukas McCalla and Erica Thorne. Audrey was predeceased by Harvey (2003), her loving husband of 60 years, her parents Thomas and Irene Ellsworth, her brother and sister-in-law Ken and Violet Ellsworth and her son-in-law Don Wolbert. Born in Ridgeway, Audrey lived most of her life in this area. She graduated from Macdonald Institute (University of Guelph) in 1936 and worked as a dietitian at the Millard Fillmore Hospital in Buffalo, the Canadian Niagara Power Company and the Provincial Gas Company in Fort Erie. She and Harvey were active members in the Presbyterian churches in Fort Erie and were involved in many other organizations. Mrs. Troup's family will receive visitors at the First Presbyterian Church, 178 Elm St. Port Colborne on Saturday February 13, 2010 from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service at 11:00 a.m. with Dr. Jack Neil Officiating. Interment will follow at Ridgeway Memorial Cemetery. If so desired, memorial donations may be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation or the CNIB. Funeral arrangements entrusted to the **DAVIDSON FUNERAL HOME** 135 Clarence St. Port Colborne. Online guest register and condolences available at www.davidsonfuneralhome.com

11825313

Deaths

WHITE, George Donald - Peacefully at Douglas Memorial Hospital on February 4th, in his 85th year surrounded by his loving family. George will be deeply missed. George was born and raised in the Niagara area. This is where he and his loving wife of 64 years chose to live and raise their family.

George's life mostly revolved around the farming industry. He did for some time own and operate a small and successful trucking company.

George is survived by his wife Catharine, his children Robert, Charlie (Janice), Sally (Ken), David and Donna (Graham) and grandchildren Richard, George, Catherine, Carlene, Jessica, Kristen, Lisa, Shane, William and Charles. Great grandchildren Charles, Clinton, Cody, Coleman, Amber, Crimson, Gabe , Katy and little Kenny, Taylor and Nickie, Connor and Keenan. His sisters Hilda, Marg, Myrtie and Gert (Bruno) and his many nieces and nephews. Predeceased by brothers

Charles and Art, and sister Hazel.Cremation has taken place and a celebration of George's life will be held at a later date. Donations to the Heart & Stroke Foundation would be appreciated by the family. Arrangements entrusted to **NIAGARA FUNERAL ALTERNATIVES** 905-894-0120.

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Card of thanks

WADE: My family and I wish to express our thanks for the love, support and prayers for the loss of a husband, father, papa, brother and uncle. Thank you to everyone who attended Gary's Celebration of Life. Thank you for all the acts of kindness including cards, e-mails, flowers, food, gift cards and donations to charities. Thank you to the nursing staff in the ICU at GNGH, especially Theresa and J'Nan. Your care and compassion was of great comfort to us. Thanks to Benner Funeral Home for taking care of the arrangements.

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